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## CLAIMS

Please amend the claim according to the status designations in the following list, which contains all claims submitted in the application, with the text of all active claims.

- 1. (CANCELED)
- 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An absorbent pad apparatus adjunct, having a plurality of fabric layers of an outer layer size joined by a seam; having a bolstered center means, including a plurality of substantially fabric layers of a mid-portion size surrounding and attached to a third-layer wicking barrier, for use with multi-serving vessels capturing to capture dripped condensate from [[a]] multi-serving vessels, comprised of:
- a. top-layer absorbent means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton fabric, whereby condensate from a multi-serving vessel is drawn into the pad [[,]]; preventing condensate from pooling on the surface of said pad and
- b. second-layer desorption field means of an outer-portion size, including a piece of cotton batting, whereby the pad dries, thus eliminating the need for intervention during said pad's use; and
- c. third-layer wicking barrier means of a mid-portion size, including a piece of coated fabric, whereby absorbed moisture is forced to move in a radial direction; and
- d. bottom-layer thermal barrier means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton batting, whereby secondary condensate is prevented from forming beneath the pad [[;]] .
- e. wherein the pad apparatus of is of a size to exceed by one inch the bottom of the multi-serving-vessel.